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SUBJECT: INDEPENDENCE DAY CONGRATULATIONS LETTER TO
PRESIDENT BUSH FROM PRESIDENT KOROMA OF SIERRA LEONE

11. (U) Following is text of a letter received by post on July 9, from President Koroma to President Bush on the occasion of United States Independence Day 2008. Original will be sent by pouch to AF/W desk officer for appropriate transmittal.

12. (U) BEGIN TEXT: June 30, 2008. His Excellency George W. Bush, President of the United States of America. Your Excellency, As the American people the world over celebrate the 232nd anniversary of their Country's Independence, I would like to express to your Excellency, my very best wishes for your continued personal well being and happiness as well as the prosperity of your people. I am confident that the spirit of friendship and cooperation which bind our two countries and peoples will be further strengthened in the years that lie ahead. Please accept Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration and esteem. END TEXT

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